

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	10/825,767
				Filing Date	April 16, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Mingyan LIU
				Group Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	4004-441

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code* (if known)				
IPPI		4,846,244	7/1989	12-1998	Gripe Rosenfeld	
		4,936,848		06-1990	Bagby	
		5,015,247		05-1991	Michelson	
		5,062,845		11-1991	Kuslich et al.	
		5,190,548		03-1993	Davis	
		5,250,061		10-1993	Michelson	
		5,304,191		04-1994	Gosselin	
		5,306,309		04-1994	Wagner et al.	
		5,425,772		06-1995	Brantigan	
		5,443,514		08-1995	Steffee	
		5,445,639		08-1995	Kuslich et al.	
		5,458,638		10-1995	Kuslich et al.	
		5,484,437		01-1996	Michelson	
		5,499,984		03-1996	Steiner et al.	
		5,607,424	03	04-1997	Tropiano	
		5,609,635		03-1997	Michelson	
		5,609,636		03-1997	Kohrs et al.	
		5,649,945		07-1997	Ray	
		5,669,909		09-1997	Zdeblick et al.	
		5,683,463		11-1997	Godefroy et al.	
		5,697,977		12-1997	Pisharodi	
		5,720,749		02-1998	Rupp	
		5,766,252		06-1998	Henry et al.	
		5,782,830		07-1998	Farris	
		5,857,995		01-1999	Thomas et al.	
		5,888,224		03-1999	Beckers et al.	
		5,888,227		03-1999	Cottle	
		5,893,890		04-1999	Pisharodi	
		6,080,158		06-2000	Lin	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

* Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). † See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ‡ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). § For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ¶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ** Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION LIST